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\$100.6 Million Project on the Ballot
Massive Cost to Winnetka Property Owners!

VOTE

On APRIL 2!
Or vote early, starting March 18.

**VOTE
NO**

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UNTIL D36
GETS
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**+\$1,352 avg
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for next
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**BRING
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Support good public schools and **Vote NO** on the \$100.6 million facilities plan for Winnetka's K-8 schools. With declining enrollment in Winnetka District 36, **this project is too expensive.**

Nearly \$60 million is for **non-essential additions and renovations.** **Vote NO** now, and the District can **come back with a reasonable plan focused on student needs.**

Vote NO
ON WINNETKA DISTRICT 36
REFERENDUM
FOR K-8 SCHOOLS
Tues. April 2

PAID FOR BY WINNETKA RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORT GOOD SCHOOLS.



WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED:

Big Property Tax Increase

If passed, this referendum is estimated to cost Winnetka property owners an additional \$1,352 per \$1 million fair market property value for 20 years. Total first phase of the project is **\$100.6 million**, comprised of \$90.6 million bond + \$10 million from reserves. If passed, this bond referendum would be the **largest in Illinois history** for an elementary district.

Lack of Transparency

The District is misleading taxpayers by reporting the annual net impact to the tax bill as \$276 per \$1 million fair market property value for 20 years. **The total cost is actually \$1,352 per \$1 million** fair market property value for 20 years. The average taxpayer was due to receive a \$1,000 annual tax reduction on future tax bills but will not see that reduction if the referendum is passed.

Imbalance "Crisis"

How can there be facility overcrowding with declining enrollment? **Mismanagement.** This situation can be solved with zero-cost solutions.

Wants Not Needs

Nearly \$60 million of the project is slated for non-essential "additions and renovations" at a time when enrollment is declining and District facilities are operating below capacity. **This unnecessary facilities spending will crowd out spending for future educational needs and services.**

Shrinking District

Enrollment has declined 20% since 2006; the District is projecting future decline through 2026.

Lack of Fiscal Discipline

At **\$23,000 per pupil**, current District operating costs are **54% higher than in Wilmette and 18% higher than in Glencoe.**

We've Been Here Before

Recently, taxpayers rejected New Trier High School's high cost facilities referendum but approved a **more reasonable second plan.**

Big Picture Perspective

\$50+ million on experimental school design is not as urgent as other demands facing Winnetka taxpayers:

- **Illinois pension problem**
- **Storm water**
- **New Trier facilities**
- **Property taxes no longer fully deductible under 2017 Tax Cut & Jobs Act.**

Property Tax Increase

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